



Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Division of Tennessee State Parks, Bureau of Parks and Conservation

Seasonal Interpreter/Recreator (SIR)

Salary: \$9.97/Hour

About the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

The department is responsible for:

- Safeguarding the health and safety of Tennessee citizens from environmental hazards;
- Protecting and improving the quality of Tennessee's land, air, and water, and
- Managing the system of 56 Tennessee State Parks and 85 Natural Areas

TDEC has approximately 2,900 employees working across Tennessee supported by a total budget of more than \$300 million with funding from dedicated fees and state parks revenue, federal sources, and the state general fund. The department is the chief environmental and natural resource regulatory agency in Tennessee with delegated responsibility from the U.S. EPA to regulate sources of air pollution, radiological health issues, solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water pollution, water supply, and groundwater pollution. TDEC has eight (8) regional offices across the state serving as the primary point of contact for their respective regions.

Summary & Distinguishing Features

This is a seasonal, entry level position. Seasonal Interpreter/Recreators (SIRs) provide interpretive programs for park guests, primarily children, and provide activities such as guided tours, hikes, workshops, canoe floats, slide shows, demonstrations, campfires and other outdoor activities. Additional duties include general administrative responsibilities including writing reports, maintaining records, and scheduling, delegating and executing work assignments. This position is seasonal and term limited. Assignments for this position may be at the Department of Environment and Conservation Central Office in Nashville, TN, or a specific state park. Please note that housing will be provided if the SIR is placed at a specific park. This position may also be appropriate for internship credit.

Duties and Essential Functions

Seasonal Interpreter/Recreators (SIRs) primary responsibilities include:

- Providing interpretive programs

- General administrative tasks

Competencies

- Personality and communication skills conducive to work in public service required
- Candidate must be a self-starter and able to complete tasks with minimal supervision
- Sound knowledge or willingness to learn about the natural and cultural history of the park area
- Strong writing skills to organize park information, complete reports, generate interpretive program outlines and respond to requests for park information
- A valid vehicle operator license required
- Desirable but not required certifications: CPR, Advanced First Aid, or First Responder
- Good physical condition: ability to do much hiking, climbing and carrying; ability to perform responsibly under emergency situations

Qualifications

At a minimum, the applicant must be a junior by credit hours working toward an undergraduate degree in general life sciences, forestry, wildlife, geology, geography, history, anthropology/archaeology, environmental science, park administration, natural resource-based recreation, etc. Coursework in outdoor leadership and/or wilderness skills is supportive and desirable but not mandatory.

If selected for an interview, the applicant is required to have a copy of his current college/university transcript and a completed State of Tennessee employment application. Candidates appointed must pass a criminal background check.

All applications must be received by email nancy.dorman@tn.gov by April 1, 2017.

All interested candidates should submit resume and cover letter to:

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